

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend paragraph 0040 of the published application as follows:

As shown in FIG. 2, each loop section 28 and 30 includes a respective bend or kink 52 and 54 disposed between nose 26 and the respective notch or dent 32 and 34. These bends or kinks 52 and 54 are concave towards the inside of loop 18 and provide the distal side of the open loop with a larger width WW than the proximal side of the open loop. Bends or kinks 52 and 54 have a radius of curvature that is substantially smaller than the radius of curvature along any other portion of the respective loops sections 28 and 30. Owing to the bowed or oval form of loop 18 in its fully opened deployment configuration (FIG. 2), this widest width WW may be spaced in the proximal direction from a line between bend 52 in loop section 28 and bend 54 in loop section 30. Loop 18 is accordingly provided with an enlarged distal end portion 36. Bends 52 and 54 facilitate a sufficient opening of the entire loop 18 for large polyp (LP) retrieval (FIG. 4) and of the partial loop or auxiliary loop for small polyp (SP) retrieval (FIG. 5). Specifically with respect to the smaller auxiliary configuration illustrated in FIG. 3, the bends 52 and 54 of FIG. 2 optimize or widen the opening of the distal end portion 36 of loop 18 when notches or dents 32 and 34 are withdrawn to and into tubular member 20.